(major minral). In all other cases it is minor mineral and comes under the purview of the State Government. As per the information available with the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a sub-ordinate office of the Ministry of Mines, there are four working mines of limestone (major mineral) in Nimbahera of chittorgarh District in Rajasthan and the production of limestone in these mines is on increasing trend for the past three years. Working mines of limestone under minor mineral falls under the purview of the State Government.

(b) No information on severe losses and unemployment in limestone (major mineral) mines in the State of Rajasthan has been reported to the Central Government in the Ministry of Mines. Working mines of limestone under minor mineral falls under the purview of the State Government.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Effect of drought on Kota stone Industries

1864. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of industries dealing in famous Kota stones are lying closed due to severe drought condition prevailing in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the estimated losses suffered by these industries and the extent of unemployment caused as a consequences thereof; and

(c) the details of relief Government in contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Kota stone is a minor mineral in terms of Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the subject matter comes totally under purview of the State Government.